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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF CANAL ZONE MILITARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

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1. REFERENCE PROVIDED A QUESTIONNAIRE AND REQUESTED COM-
PLETION TO FURTHER A STUDY OF THE ISSUE OF CANAL ZONE
SCHOOL FUNDING. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES KEYED TO PARA 1 OF
REFERENCE REPRESENT AMEMBASSY MEXICO RESPONSE:

A. HOST COUNTRY PROGRAM IS DEVELOPED BY COORDINATION BE-
TWEEN THE USDAO AND HC ARMY/AF AND NAVY REPRESENTATIVES.
TRAINING PRIORITIES ARE ESTABLISHED BY HC SERVICES WITH
ADVICE FROM USDAO, BASED ON ROUGH ESTIMATE OF FUNDING
EXPECTED. HC PRIORITIES ARE USUALLY IN CONSONANCE WITH
U.S. MISSION PRIORITIES.

B. MEXICAN ARMY/AF AND NAVY ARE CONSTITUTED UNDER SEPARATE
SERVICE SECRETARIES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT.
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TRAINING FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED TO THE TWO SERVICES (ARMY/AF
AND NAVY) BY EMBASSY/USDAO. TRAINING MONEY IS FURTHER
ALLOCATED BY THE SERVICE SECRETARIES TO THE SEPARATE
BRANCHES WITHIN THE SERVICE. THE USDAO KNOWS OF NO FAVOR-
ITISM OR OTHER ABUSE UNDER THIS SYSTEM.

C. "FENCING" OF FUNDS HAS HAD NO IMPACT ON HC IMET PROGRAM

FOR FY 77 DUE PRIMARILY TO THE RELATIVELY SMALL MEXICO CZMS FENCED LEVEL WHICH WAS BASED ON MEXICO'S PREVIOUS LOW CZMS USAGE. FURTHER, THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN DEC 1976 HAS CREATED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CONFUSION ON THE PART OF HC ARMY AND NAVY OFFICIALS RESPECTING THEIR IMET TRAINING GOALS. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS CANCELLATIONS AND REVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM WHICH CONTINUE AT THE PRESENT TIME. CONSEQUENTLY, HC DECISION MAKERS HAVE NOT YET REACHED THE POINT WHERE TRAINING OPTIONS ARE CONSTRAINED BY "FENCED" FUNDING LEVELS.

D. HC MILITARY OFFICIALS PREFER IMET TRAINING IN CONUS WHEN AVAILABLE AND ASSUMING LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES AND MONEY PERMIT. THIS OPINION HAS BEEN OFTEN STATED AND RESULTS FROM CULTURALLY INFLUENCED ATTRACTIONS TO THE U.S. AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL DESIRE TO VISIT MAJOR U.S. INSTALLATIONS. UTILIZATION OF CANAL ZONE TRAINING HAS NORMALLY BEEN FOR NON ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFIED STUDENTS (ENLISTED AF TECH TNG) AND FOR COURSES NOT AVAILABLE IN CONUS (JUNGLE OPS). HC IMET PROGRAMS FOR FY 76, FY 77 AND FY 77 WOULD HAVE BEEN THE SAME WITHOUT "FENCED" LEVELS.

E. & F. ASSUMING LANGUAGE CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT EXIST, PROXIMITY TO U.S. ALONE WOULD FORCE HC TO OPT FOR CONUS TRAINING IN ALL COURSES TO SAVE TRAVEL MONEY. HC NAVY PRESENTLY PAYS TRAVEL FOR ALL ITS STUDENTS AND LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR OFFICER STUDENTS. NAVY ENLISTED STUDENTS RECEIVE QUARTERS AND MESSING UNDER IMET. HC ARMY UTILIZES IMET FUNDS FOR OFFICER AND ENLISTED TRAVEL AND FOR ENLISTED CONFIDENTIAL

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G. & H. HC MIGHT WELL DISCONTINUE SENDING STUDENTS TO U.S. MILITARY SCHOOLS AND LOOK TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR GRANT TRAINING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EAST GERMANY HAS ALREADY OFFERED TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO HC. (IR 6864 015376).

I. IN THE OPINION OF USDAO, MX, UNDER PARAS E & F, HC WOULD USE AVAILABLE FUNDS TO TRAIN TO MAXIMUM EXTENT IN CONUS. UNDER PARAS G & H, HC WOULD LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE.

J.I. HC USES CRITERIA PROVIDED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR U.S. TRAINING. NEEDS OF SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE BACKGROUND WHERE APPLICABLE ARE USED TO SCREEN AND SELECT ATTENDEES.

J.II. IN OPINION OF USDAO, MX, THIS IS AN ISSUE IN HC ONLY WHEN TRAINEES FAIL TO GRADUATE FROM COURSES. THIS OCCURS

ONLY SPORADICALLY AND HC'S NOMINEES ARE NORMALLY QUALIFIED
AND DESERVING.

K. THIS WOULD HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON HC NAVY TRAINING FOR
OFFICERS SINCE THIS SERVICE MAKES ALMOST NO USE OF ENG-
LISH LANGUAGE TRAINING DUE TO WIDESPREAD USE AND KNOWLEDGE
OF ENGLISH. HC ARMY OFFICERS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY HAMPERED,
HOWEVER, SINCE THEIR BACKGROUND PROVIDES LITTLE OPPORTUNITY
TO USE ENGLISH. USDAO MEXICO OPINES THAT MOST ARMY TRAIN-
ING WOULD GO TO INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPA-

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BILITY. AT PRESENT MOST ENLISTED TRAINING OCCURS IN THE
CANAL ZONE.

L. FOR THE REASONS DEVELOPED IN PARAS D & E ABOVE, HC
WOULD PROBABLY ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVE RELOCATION OF CANAL
ZONE SCHOOLS TO CONUS. HAYNE

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